

I claim:

1. A cooking utensil comprising a substantially horizontal portion and a substantially vertical annular wall comprising:

a first layer cooking surface, the first layer formed from a sheet of stainless steel and extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall;

a second layer beneath the first layer, the second layer formed from a sheet of aluminum and thermally bonded with the first layer, the second layer extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall;

a third layer formed from a sheet of stainless steel and thermally bonded with the second layer, the third layer extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall; and

the third layer including a plurality of perforations into which some of the second layer extends, the third layer directly contacting a heat source and allowing direct contact between the heat source and the second layer at the perforations.

2. The cooking utensil of claim 1, wherein the perforations are round.

3. The cooking utensil of claim 1, wherein the perforations are elliptical.

4. A cooking utensil comprising:

a first layer cooking surface, the first layer comprised of stainless steel;

a second layer between the first layer and a third layer, the second layer comprised of aluminum;

the third layer between the second layer and a fourth layer, the third layer comprised of stainless steel; and

a fourth layer comprised of copper, the fourth layer formed by copper plating and the fourth layer directly contacting a heat source.

5. The cooking utensil of claim 4 wherein the first, second and third layers extend continuously along a substantially horizontal portion and a substantially vertical annular wall.

6. A cooking utensil comprising:
  - an annular wall portion;
  - a bottom portion;
  - a first layer comprising a cooking surface, a second layer and a third layer, each of the first, second and third layers extending continuously along the annular wall portion and the bottom portion; and
  - the third layer comprising perforations into which the second layer extends.
7. The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is stainless steel, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is stainless steel.
8. The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is copper, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is stainless steel.
9. The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is stainless steel, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is copper.
10. The cooking utensil of claim 7 wherein the utensil is formed from rolled layers of stainless steel, aluminum and stainless steel thermally bonded and formed.